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**(54) PRESERVATIVE FOR LIVE CELL**

(57)Abstract:

**PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED:** To obtain a preservative, enabling the preservation of a live cell of fishes, etc., in especially a frozen state for a long period by using a specific component.

**SOLUTION:** This preservative comprises levan or a levan oligosaccharide (e.g. levan biose or levan octaose) as an active ingredient. The preservative is usually used as an aqueous solution and the concentration of the levan or levan oligosaccharide is 0.1-20wt.%. Thereby, the preservative has no toxicity to a cell and crystallinity is low. As a result, the live cell can efficiently be frozen and preserved and the preservative can readily be utilized without requiring washing even when culturing the cell after thawing thereof.

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## CLAIMS

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[Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] The preservative of the viable cell which contains levan or a levan oligosaccharide as an active principle.

[Claim 2] The preservative according to claim 1 whose viable cell is a fishes cell.

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## DETAILED DESCRIPTION

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[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Field of the Invention] This invention relates to the preservative used in case it is low temperature and the viable cell of a viable cell, especially a fishes cell is especially saved in the state of freezing preferably at a long period of time. In addition, "freezing" in the cryopreservation agent indicated in this invention below is mind including "low temperature."

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Although the viable cell has a living function and biological activity, it is various and there is utility value, on the other hand, under the conditions that temperature is high, it will change with time because of a metabolic turnover or denaturation, and a living function and biological activity will fall thru/or disappear. Then, although it is necessary to freeze and save a viable cell, DMSO (dimethyl sulfoxide), ethylene glycol, glycerol, etc. are used for the cryopreservation of a living thing cell as a cell membrane transparency mold cryopreservation agent from the former, and the polyvinyl pyrrolidone etc. is used as a cell nontransparent mold cryopreservation agent.

[0003]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] However, since these cryopreservation agents are synthetic compounds, when it is generally made high concentration, they have the problem that toxicity is shown to a cell. Moreover, since it checks growth of a cell in cultivating, it is necessary to remove a cryopreservation agent from a cell beforehand, and becomes complicated. When the cryopreservation agent of a cell membrane transparency mold is furthermore used, there is a fault from which a cell tends to get a dilution shock by water in the case of defrosting since the elimination rate to the outside of a cell is slower than water.

[0004] Although, using the raffinose which is three saccharides as a natural product on the other hand is known (JP,5-38284,A), since this sugar is extracted from a beat etc., manufacture has constraint, and also since crystallinity is high, it has the problem that there is a possibility of hurting one's cell. Moreover, in this official report, although using 1-kestose as a viable cell preservative is proposed, since the price is still high, this also has the difficulty that it cannot use freely.

[0005] For this reason, even if there is no toxicity over a cell as a preservative of a viable cell or it was, what [ crystalline / low ] very low and was desirable, and when cultivating after

defrosting further, there is no need for washing, and what can be used freely was called for.

[0006]

[Means for Solving the Problem] this invention persons came to complete this invention, as a result of inquiring wholeheartedly, in order to solve said trouble.

[0007] That is, this invention relates to the preservative of the viable cell which contains levan or a levan oligosaccharide as an active principle. The levan or the levan oligosaccharide used in this invention fulfills said conditions, and it has the advantage that it can manufacture easily by the microorganism further. Especially as a levan oligosaccharide used in this invention, levan biose and levan OKUTAO-SU are desirable.

[0008] Levan is beta-2 of the fructofuranose and a kind of the polysaccharide which consists of a chain by 6-association which melt in water well, and was used [ be / it / under / of the blood substitute / adding ] conventionally. The structure expression of levan is as follows.

[0009]

[Formula 1]

[0010] Although there is especially no limit about the manufacture approach of of the levan or the levan oligosaccharide used for this invention, the approach (JP,3-219889,A) of producing using the microorganism belonging to the microorganism which belongs to the Serratia group for which these people applied, for example as the manufacture approach of levan and an Acetobacter group, an Aerobacter group, a Bacillus group, an Erwinia group, Zymomonas, etc: is mentioned. The approach (JP,7-115986,A) of producing using the microorganism belonging to the Streptomyces group for which these people similarly applied as the manufacture approach of levan OKUTAO-SU from levan can be mentioned. The approach (JP,5-244974,A, JP,8-279,A) of producing using the microorganism which belongs to the Streptomyces group for which these people applied as the manufacture approach of the levan biose from levan can be mentioned.

[0011] The viable cell preservative of this invention can usually be used as a water solution, and there is especially no limit about operating concentration. However, in order to demonstrate the effectiveness which was excellent as a viable cell preservative, it is usually desirable to use the concentration of levan or a levan oligosaccharide in 1 - 10wt% preferably 0.1 - 20wt%. If effectiveness will become weak if concentration is too low, and it becomes high concentration, it will be easy to become insoluble in water. In addition, levan or a levan oligosaccharide can also be used with other cryopreservation agents.

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[Embodiment of the Invention] Although an example is given to below and this invention is explained to it, this invention is not limited to these.

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culture medium (MEM10-Tris).

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